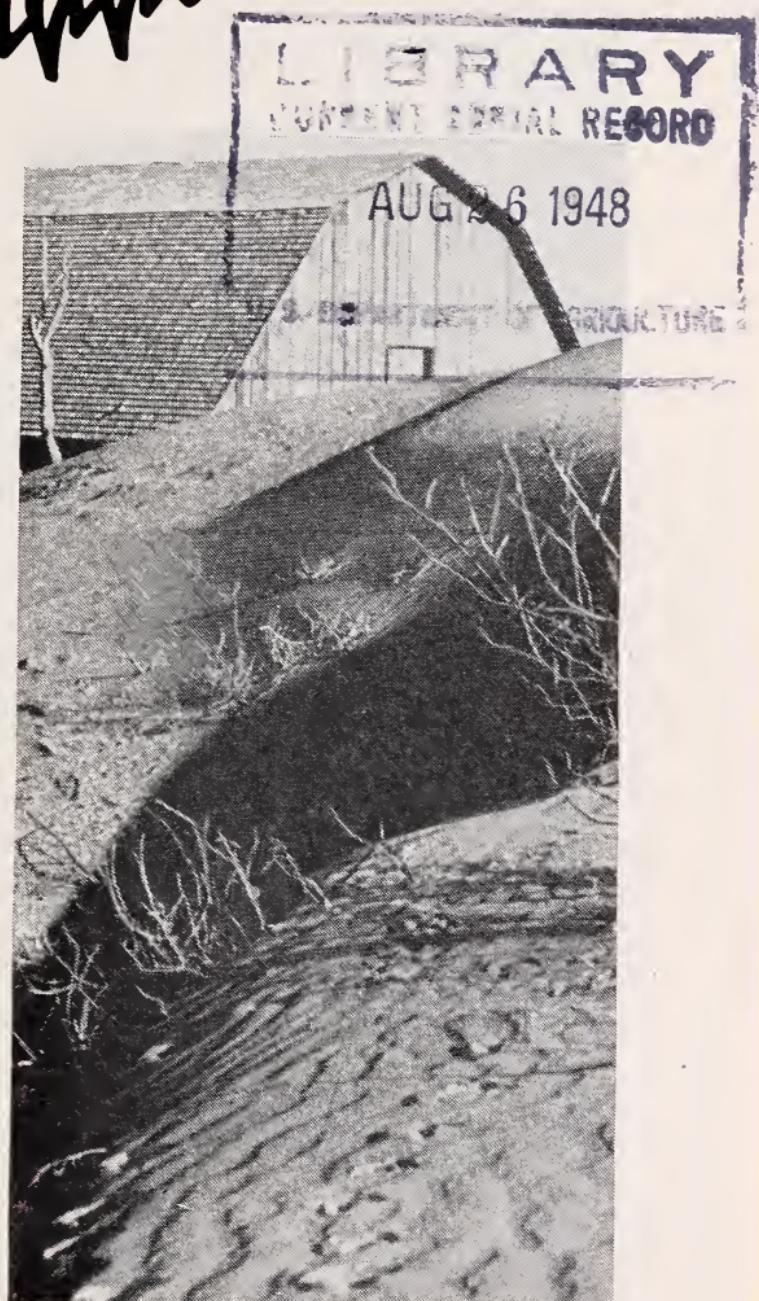


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It could
happen again



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There is prog



There is progress . . .



	IN THE UNITED STATES MUCH HAS BEEN DONE ¹	BUT THIS MUCH MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE ²
Strip cropping	6 million acres	27 million acres
Contour plantings	10 million acres	91 million acres
Protected fallow	14 million acres	23 million acres
Grazing improvement	95 million acres	394 million acres

¹Under 1946 Agricultural Conservation Program.

²From 1947 survey by Agricultural Conservation Committees.

You are interested in the welfare of your State and area. However, you are vitally concerned about conservation practices for your own farm or ranch. Talk these matters over with your

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Some years are good...

"In every State, elected farmer committeemen helped their neighbors work out individual farm plans for conservation practices."—ACP Annual Report, 1946.

WHEAT PRODUCTION - 1947 - millions of bushels

North Dakota
South Dakota
Nebraska
Montana
Wyoming



Kansas
Oklahoma
Texas
Colorado
New Mexico

Some years are not so good...

"Because of starvation and thirst, 1,485,704 cattle and calves were unfit for food purposes and were condemned, leaving a net balance of 6,794,444 which were processed."—AAA report, 1933-35.

WHEAT PRODUCTION - 1934 - millions of bushels

North Dakota
South Dakota
Nebraska
Montana
Wyoming



What to do about it . . .

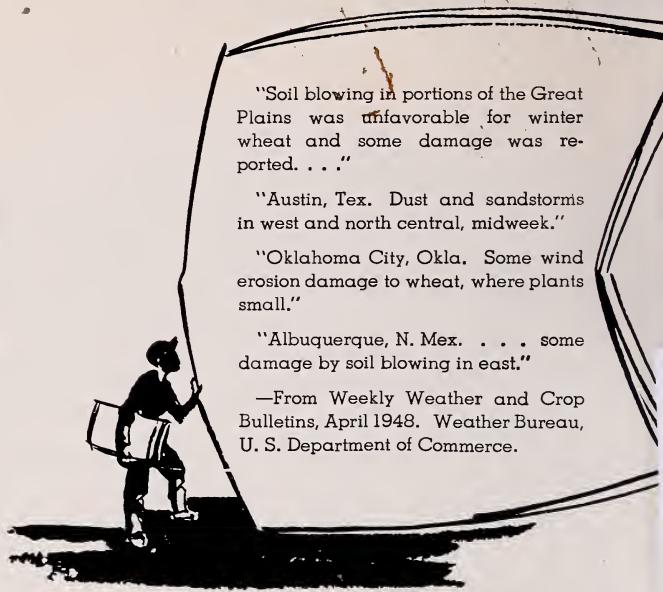
"Soil blowing in portions of the Great Plains was unfavorable for winter wheat and some damage was reported. . . ."

"Austin, Tex. Dust and sandstorms in west and north central, midweek."

"Oklahoma City, Okla. Some wind erosion damage to wheat, where plants small."

"Albuquerque, N. Mex. . . . some damage by soil blowing in east."

—From Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletins, April 1948. Weather Bureau, U. S. Department of Commerce.



Every year some dust blows. Sooner or later drought will be serious again. Here are a few things you can do about it:

- Keep permanent cover on "blow" land.
- Have all crops and fallow in strips or small blocks.
- Protect fallow with stubble and trash.
- Keep a proper balance between grain and sod crops.
- Provide plenty of water for livestock.
- Regulate grazing to the grass supply.

THE AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM can help you with these jobs.

See your
COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE